

## Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 DURBAN 00243 101418Z

44

ACTION AF-18

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CU-05 SS-20 NSC-07 CIAE-00 DODE-00

INR-10 NSAE-00 PA-04 RSC-01 USIA-15 PRS-01 SP-03

DRC-01 /086 W

----- 069609

R 101201Z JUL 74

FM AMCONSUL DURBAN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1755

INFO AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG

UNCLAS DURBAN 0243

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, SF

SUBJECT: NATIONAL UNION SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS CONGRESS

1. SUMMARY: NATIONAL UNION SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS OPENED ANNUAL CONGRESS JULY 8. COMING 15 MONTHS AFTER BANNING OF 8 LEADERS, HIGHLY LIKELY CONGRESS WILL ENDORSE LESS VOCAL ROLE FOR COMING YEAR. END SUMMARY.

2. NATIONAL UNION SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS (NUSAS) OPENED ANNUAL CONGRESS JULY 8 IN PIETERMARITZBURG. APPROXIMATELY 90 DELEGATES FROM THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNIVERSITIES ATTENDING ONE WEEK MEETING HEARD KEYNOTE SPEAKER DR. MANAS BUTHELEZI TELL THEM THEY SYMBOLIZED "BOTH THE UGLY PRESENT AND POSSIBLE FUTURE HERITAGE OF SOUTH AFRICA." (AIRGRAM FOLLOWS). INCUMBENT PRESIDENT CHARLES NUPEN EXPRESSED OPINION IN HIS PUBLIC REMARKS AND PRIVATELY TO CONGEN OFFICER IN ATTENDANCE THAT NUSAS MUST TURN ATTENTION INWARD. IT MUST ANALYZE SUPPORTIVE ROLE OF UNIVERSITY AS INSTITUTION OF WHITE MINORITY RULE AND ATTEMPT TO RAISE LEVEL OF AWARENESS AMONG MAJORITY OF APATHETIC STUDENTS ABOUT THEIR ROLE IN SOCIETY.

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 DURBAN 00243 101418Z

3. BY MARGIN OF ONE VOTE CONGRESS AGREED ESTABLISH

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON "WAR" TO EXAMINE STATUS CURRENT  
HOSTILITIES ON NORTHERN BORDER. RATIONALE FOR ESTABLISHMENT  
WAS THAT IF HOSTILITIES ESCALATED STUDENTS MIGHT FIND SELVES  
FORCED TO DEFEND APARTHEID THROUGH ACTUAL FIGHTING.

4. COMMENT: COMING 15 MONTHS AFTER BANNING OF 8 NUSAS  
LEADERS, CONGRESS SEEN BY BOTH NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND  
MOST DELEGATES AS OPPORTUNITY REDEFINE GOALS, ORGANIZATIONAL  
STRUCTURES AND ACTIVITIES. APPEARS HIGHLY LIKELY NUSAS  
WILL ADOPT LESS VOCAL ROLE DURING COMING YEAR. NUPEN'S  
STATEMENTS FOLLOW SUCCESSFUL PRE-CONVENTION NATIONAL  
LEADERSHIP MEETING WHICH, ACCORDING ONE PARTICIPANT,  
WAS NOTABLE FOR ABSENCE OF BICKERING AND IN-FIGHTING.  
WHETHER CONGRESS ITSELF WILL AVOID INTERMINABLE DEBATES  
ON MINOR ISSUES AND ACHIEVE BROAD CONSENSUS IS PROBLEMATIC.  
ESTABLISHMENT OF WAR COMMITTEE IS INDICATION OF  
CONCERN AMONG STUDENTS BUT SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN AS SIGN  
OF INCIPIENT ANTI-WAR MOVEMENT.  
HOLMES

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** STUDENT GROUPS, MEETING PROCEEDINGS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 10 JUL 1974  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** n/a  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** n/a  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:**  
**Disposition Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1974DURBAN00243  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D740184-0204  
**From:** DURBAN  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1974/newtext/t19740762/aaaacbd.tel  
**Line Count:** 80  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION AF  
**Original Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** martinjw  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 29 OCT 2002  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <29 OCT 2002 by ThomasVJ>; APPROVED <15 JAN 2003 by martinjw>  
**Review Markings:**

Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
30 JUN 2005

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** NATIONAL UNION SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS CONGRESS  
**TAGS:** PINT, PINS, SF  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005